



GAME NOTES

Penticton Vees
at
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday October 21, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (8-5-0-1, 5th Place Interior Div.) meet the Penticton Vees (9-1-0-1, 4th Place, Interior Div.) in the first of six scheduled meetings this season.

HEAD TO HEAD: Tonight is the fifth meeting all-time between these two franchises. The Wild are 1-3-0 all-time against Penticton, and 1-1-0 at Town Toyota Center.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Defenseman **Cooper Zech** (4g, 14a) leads the Wild, and all BCHL defenseman in scoring, followed closely by forward **Jasper Weatherby** (11g, 6a). Goalie **Seth Eisele** sports a 2.58 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .885. Penticton's Owen Sillinger leads all scorers with 11 points while four teammates each have eight (Dakota Boutin, Johnny Tychonick, Chris Klack, and Nicky Leivermann). Goalie Adam Scheel is 5-1-0 with a 1.61 GAA and a .941 save percentage. Wild defenseman **Slava Demin** and Vees defenseman Johnny Tychonick were both identified by NHL Central Scouting as potential 2nd or 3rd draft picks in 2018. For the Vees, defenseman Nicky Leivermann was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the 7th round in 2017 and defenseman Ryan O'Connell was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, also in the 7th round.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Wild are 20/89 (22.5%, 2nd) on the power play this season, while Penticton is 11/57 (19.3%, 8th). The Wild are 42/50 on the penalty kill (84.0%, 8th), and the Vees have killed off 49 of 54 (88.9%, 2nd).

LAST NIGHT: The Wild traded goals early before pulling away to an 8-4 win at home over Surrey. The Vees got 4 third period goals to get by the Merritt Centennials at home, 4-2.

MOVING ON: The Wild have another three-game week ahead, for the fourth consecutive week. It begins Wednesday at Penticton, then Friday at Vernon and back home Saturday against the Alberni Valley Bulldogs. The Vees have a three game week also, with the Wild in town Wednesday, and a visit from Alberni Valley on Friday before heading to Trail on Saturday night.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTION: Tonight's game is sponsored by Health Alliance. It's "Diaper and Undie Toss Night". When the Wild score their first goal, fans will toss new, packaged diapers and undies to the ice where they will be collected for distribution by Junior Service League of Wenatchee. The first 2,500 fans will receive a free Rally Towel, courtesy of Health Alliance.

NEXT HOME GAME: Saturday Oct. 28 vs Alberni Valley Bulldogs. It's our big "Pink At The Rink" Night with pink-themed jerseys and auction to raise money for Wellness Place. The public is invited tomorrow (Sunday, Oct 22) to come join in painting the ice with the names of anyone in their lives affecting by cancer. The event is from 11a to 2p.

TONIGHT'S GAME SPONSOR:



